

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Account Number 10845282, in amount of \$4,837.56 Account Number 10800943, in amount of \$4,947.66 Account Number 10811017, in amount of \$7,216.67 Account Number 10749872, in amount of \$7,344.53 Account Number 10820574, in amount of \$8,267 Account Number 10681407, in amount of \$4,619.94 Account Number 10602396, in amount of \$5,000

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

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PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO

Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Principal Deputy County Counsel

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68A DATE: October 14, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$129,138.00	Account Number	10845282
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	129,138.00	Service Date	07/17/02 to 10/08/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,837.56	Facility	Martin Luther King Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$124,300.44	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at Martin Luther King Medical Center at a cost of \$129,138.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,837.57	\$ 4,837.57	32.25%
Attorney Cost	487.30	487.30	3.25%
County of Los Angeles	129,138.00	4,837.56	32.25%
Net to Client	N/A	4,837.57	32.25%
Total	\$134,462.87	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and his income is Workers' Compensation Benefits. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68B DATE: October 14, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$27,328.00	Account Number	10800943
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	27,328.00	Service Date	09/07/03 to 09/30/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,947.66	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$22,380.34	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$27,328.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,946.67	\$ 4,947.67	32.98%
Attorney Cost	157.00	157.00	1.06%
County of Los Angeles	27,328.00	4,947.66	32.98%
Net to Client	N/A	4,947.67	32.98%
Total	\$32,431.67	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and lives with his mother. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68C DATE: October 14, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$24,328.00	Account Number	10811017
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	24,328.00	Service Date	12/08/03 to 12/12/03
Compromise Amount Offered	7,216.67	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$17,111.33	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus bicycle accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$24,328.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 8,333.33	\$ 8,333.33	33.33%
AMR	998.00	300.00	1.20%
A.B.C. Pharmacy	344.00	100.00	.40%
Khalid, Ahmed, M.D.	1,195.00	358.00	1.43%
Arcadia Radiology	1,200.00	358.33	1.43%
County of Los Angeles	24,328.00	7,216.67	28.88%
Net to Client	N/A	8,333.67	33.33%
Total	\$36,398.33	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is employed with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68D DATE: October 14, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$40,566.00	Account Number	10749872
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Female _
Balance Due	40,566.00	Service Date	05/23/03 to 07/07/03
Compromise Amount Offered	7,344.53	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$33,221.47	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$40,566.00. Medi-Cal covered physician charges only. There is no private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 8,333.00	\$ 8,333.00	33.33%
Attorney Fees	400.46	400.46	1.63%
Suchandra Turner, M.D.	3,570.00	1,140.00	4.58%
California Dept. of Health Services	437.47	437.47	1.74%
County of Los Angeles	40,566.00	7,344.53	29.36%
Net to Client	N/A	7,344.54	29.36%
Total	\$53,306.93	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client receives disability payments. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68E DATE: October 14, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$43,374.00	Account Number	10820574
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Male -
Balance Due	43,374.00	Service Date	09/08/03 to 09/24/03
Compromise Amount Offered	8,267.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$35,107.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$43,374.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 8,333.00	\$ 8,333.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	200.00	200.00	.81%
County of Los Angeles	43,374.00	8,267.00	33.06%
Net to Client	N/A	8,200.00	32.80%
Total	\$51,907.00	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives support from relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68F DATE: October 14, 2004

		Account	
Amount of Aid	\$69,068.00	Number	10681407
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Male 😴
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Balance Due	69,068.00	Date	07/27/02 to 09/24/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,619.94	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be		Service	
Written Off	\$64,448.06	Туре	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in a automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$69,068.00. There is no Medi-cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

		Proposed	Percent of
Disbursements	Total Claim	Settlement	Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,806.92	\$ 4,806.92	32.04%
Attorney Cost	579.25	579.25	3.86%
San Pedro Peninsula Hospital	1,585.73	106.24	.71%
Harborside Radiology	40.21	2.89	.02%
Stephen R. Shea, M.D.	595.61	39.90	.27%
Los Angeles City Fire	576.25	38.94	.26%
County of Los Angeles	69,068.00	4,619.94	30.80%
Net to Client	N/A	4,805.92	32.04%
Total	\$77, 251.97	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives support from family and friends. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 68G DATE: October 14, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$106,284.00	Account Number	10602396	
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Adult Male	
Balance Due	106,284.00	Service Date	10/10/01 to 11/15/01	
Compromise Amount Offered	5,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center	
Amount to be Written Off	\$101,284.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient	

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$106,284.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	33.33%
County of Los Angeles	106,284.00	5,000.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	5,000.00	33.34%
Total	\$111,284.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and is supported by relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.